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REPORT OF THE SESSION

Draft decision recommended by the Committee on Science and
Technology for adoption by the Conference of the Parties

Work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 16/COP.1 on the work programme of the Committee on
Science and Technology,

1. Decides that the priority issue to be addressed in depth by the
Committee on Science and Technology at its third session shall be
early-warning systems in its broadest sense;
2. Also decides that the agenda for the third session of the
Committee shall include the other topics on the agenda for the second session
of the Committee;
3. Requests the Conference secretariat to facilitate the convening of
at least one inter-sessional bureau meeting of the Committee for the review of
decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties and other related matters
regarding the work of the Committee, especially the planning and organization
of the next session of the Committee.



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Draft decision recommended by the Committee on Science and
Technology for adoption by the Conference of the Parties

Traditional knowledge

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the synopsis of reports on traditional knowledge compiled by the secretariat, 1/

1. Requests the secretariat to complete its ongoing work on compiling the most important and widely applied traditional knowledge on a subregional and regional basis and on a national scale where appropriate, and make a synthesis of this work available to the Committee on Science and Technology at its third session;

2. Decides to appoint an ad hoc panel composed of ... experts with terms of reference as follows:

(a) To explore ways and means of linking the Committee's work on traditional knowledge with similar work being undertaken under other related conventions and report to the Committee at its third session;

(b) To assess the socio-economic impacts of traditional knowledge and practices in combating desertification and to outline the possible threats confronting such traditional knowledge and practices;

(c) To identify ways and means of integrating traditional and local knowledge, know-how and practices with modern knowledge and technological innovations, with a view to ensuring the effective and wider application of such knowledge and innovations.

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Revised draft decision recommended by the Committee on Science and
Technology for adoption by the Conference of the Parties

Traditional knowledge

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the synopsis of reports on traditional knowledge compiled by the
secretariat, 1/

1. Requests the secretariat to complete its ongoing work on compiling
the most important and widely applied traditional knowledge on a subregional
and regional basis and on a national scale where appropriate, and make a
synthesis of this work available to the Committee on Science and Technology at
its third session;

2. Decides to appoint an ad hoc panel composed of 10 experts with
terms of reference as follows:

(a) Drawing upon the synthesis referred to in paragraph 1 above, to
identify successful experiences and conclusions relating to (a) threats and
other constraints, including socio-economic impacts, confronting such
traditional knowledge and practices, (b) strategies for integrating
traditional and local knowledge, know-how and practices with modern knowledge
based on specific case histories, and (c) mechanisms for promoting and
exchanging successful approaches.

(b) To report according to the Conference of the Parties at its third
session.

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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES:
PROGRAMME AND BUDGET PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH
SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Ordinary sessions of the Conference of the Parties

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 4 of the Convention, related to the
convening of ordinary sessions of the Conference of the Parties,

Bearing in mind that the Conference of the Parties should adopt the
budget during its ordinary sessions,

1. Decides that the fifth ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties shall take place in the year 2001, and that thereafter ordinary sessions shall be held every two years;
2. Decides also that the sixth ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties shall be held in the year 2003;
3. Invites the secretariat to take all necessary measures to convene forthcoming ordinary sessions of the Conference of the Parties in accordance with this decision and relevant provisions of the Convention.

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF
THE PARTIES: PROGRAMME AND BUDGET: PROGRAMME OF
WORK FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH SESSIONS OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Programme of work of the Conference of the Parties

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 9/COP.1 on its work programme,

Recalling its decision 11/COP.1 on procedures for the communication of
information and review of implementation,

1. Decides, in accordance with the procedures for the communication
of information and review of implementation, paragraphs 7, 9 and 14, as
contained in its decision 11/COP.1, to add the following items to its standing
agenda:

(a) Review of reports submitted by developed country Parties on
measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action
programmes, including information on financial resources they have provided,
or are providing, under the Convention;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are
members of the Group of 77 and China.

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(b) Review of information provided by relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes under the Convention;

2. Decides also to include the following selected items on the agenda for its third session and, if necessary, its fourth session;

(a) Review of reports on implementation of affected African country Parties;

(b) Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions in accordance with article 8, article 22, paragraph 2 (i), and of article 23, paragraph 2 (d) of the Convention;

(c) Consideration of, with a view to adopting, procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions that may arise with regard to the implementation of the Convention, in accordance with article 27 of the Convention;

(d) Consideration of, with a view to proposing for adoption, in accordance with article 28, paragraphs 2 (a) and 6 of the Convention, an annex containing arbitration and conciliation procedures;

3. Decides further to include the following selected items on the agenda for its fourth session and, if necessary, its fifth session:

(a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa;

(b) Review, in accordance with its decision 3/COP.1, paragraph 5, and in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, of the arrangements for institutional linkage with the United Nations, with a view to making such modifications as may be considered desirable by both parties.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Solidarity with Central America

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties.

Concerned at the devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch that led to the tremendous loss of thousands of lives, of infrastructure and environmental degradation in Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Belize, Costa Rica and Panama,

Aware, of the high vulnerability of Central American and Caribbean countries to such climatic phenomena,

Concerned, that such natural phenomena worsen soil degradation, especially in the Central American and Caribbean subregions, which are the most vulnerable to these effects,

Recognizing that these unfortunate events give special urgency to our deliberations in this conference and oblige us to look for new opportunities for common cooperation actions,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1. Expresses its strongest solidarity and deep condolences to the people and governments of Central America after this tragic event;
 2. Invites the international community, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to contribute to the reconstruction and support with humanitarian assistance and other cooperative actions.
 3. Urges all governments, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, the private sector and society in general, to offer them technical and financial assistance to the effective execution of the national action plans of the affected countries and subregional programmes for combating desertification;
 4. Invites support for the Central American initiatives emanating from the Presidential Summit convened in San Salvador, El Salvador, in the aftermath of the catastrophes which call for a sustainable reconstruction plan for Central America.
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AND OF ITS INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING SUPPORT
TO REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

Indonesia*: draft decision

Procedures for the communication of information
and review of implementation

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 11/COP.1 on procedures for the communication of
information and review of implementation,

Recalling also article 22, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), as well as
article 26 of the Convention,

Having considered the review of the implementation of the Convention and
of its institutional arrangements, including support to regional action
programmes, 1/

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are
members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ ICCD/COP(2)/5.

GE.98-73195 (E)
DKR.98-170

1. Reaffirms that each Party shall communicate to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its ordinary sessions, through the secretariat, reports on the measures which it has taken for the implementation of the Convention;

2. Reaffirms also that reports should be concise as possible to facilitate their review, including a summary not exceeding six pages, in conformity with the procedures for the communication of information and review of implementation, paragraph 10 contained in decision 11/COP.1;

3. Recalls that at its third session, in 1999, it will examine the reports of affected country Parties, and at its fourth session, in 2000, the reports of affected African country Parties of other regions, in particular Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean;

4. Recalls also that developed country Parties are to report, at each session, on measures taken to assist action programmes of affected developing country Parties reporting for the session, as well as relevant organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations, and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, are invited to do likewise;

5. Recalls further that reports are to be submitted to the secretariat at least six months prior to the session at which they are to be reviewed, in order to allow the secretariat to compile the summaries of reports submitted, and to prepare, in addition, a synthesis of the reports setting out the trends emerging in the implementation of the Convention, in accordance with the procedures for the communication of information and review of implementation 3, paragraphs 15, 16 and 17 contained in decision 11/COP.1;

6. Invites the secretariat, on request and within the limits of its resources, to facilitate assistance to affected developing country Parties, particularly affected African country Parties and least developed country Parties among them, in the compilation and communication of information pursuant to the procedures and article 23 (c) of the Convention, or seek such assistance from bilateral donors and/or competent intergovernmental organizations;

7. Calls upon Governments, the United Nations system and all other interested organizations, including non-governmental organizations and the

private sector to make voluntary contributions with a view to assisting affected African country Parties in the compilation and communication of information to be submitted to the Conference at its third session, in 1999, for consideration;

8. Requests the secretariat to report to the Conference at its third session on the implementation of this decision, particularly on action related to operative paragraphs 5, 6 and 7.



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TO REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

Review of the implementation of the Convention

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 10/COP.1 on the review of the implementation of
the Convention,

Recalling also article 22, paragraph 2 (a), (b) and (c), as well as
articles 24, 26 and 27 of the Convention,

1. Decides to establish a Committee on the Review of the
Implementation of the Convention as a subsidiary body of the Conference of the
Parties;

2. Decides also that the Committee shall be open to participation by
all parties and comprise government representatives familiar with the
Convention process;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are
members of the Group of 77 and China.

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DKR.98-176

3. Decides further that the Committee shall report to the Conference of the Parties on all aspects of its work, particularly the assessment and review of the implementation of the Convention through, inter alia,

consideration of:

- National reports or information communicated by Parties;
- Reports submitted by the Global Mechanism;
- Reports submitted by the secretariat; and
- Other activities as may be determined by the Conference of the Parties;

4. Stresses that the Committee shall begin its work after the third ordinary session of the Conference in 1999;

5. Stresses also that the composition of the Bureau of the Committee shall be in accordance with the provisions of article 31 of the rules of procedure of the Conference;

6. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Convention to make all necessary arrangements for the Committee to fulfil its terms of reference and to meet, as appropriate, before, after or in parallel with sessions of the Conference of the Parties.



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Administrative and support arrangements for the secretariat,
including interim arrangements

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 3/COP.1 on the designation of a Convention secretariat and arrangements for its functioning, administrative and support arrangements, and 4/COP.1 on interim arrangements for the Conference of the Parties and for the Convention secretariat,

Recalling also United Nations General Assembly resolution 52/198 of 18 December 1997 on implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa,

Taking note of the secretariat report on institutional and interim arrangements for the Conference of the Parties and the Convention secretariat, 1/

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ ICCD/COP(2)/9.

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DKR.98-182

1. Approves the arrangements as outlined in the secretariat report referred to in the preamble to this decision;
2. Notes with appreciation the appointment by the Secretary-General of the first head of the Convention secretariat in accordance with its decision 4/COP.1, paragraph 4;
3. Calls on the General Assembly, bearing in mind the institutional linkage between the Convention secretariat and the United Nations and the large number of States, including those which are on the list of least developed countries, that are Parties to the Convention, to decide to finance from the regular programme budget of the United Nations the conference servicing costs arising from sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies for the duration of the institutional linkage approved by the General Assembly, particularly the fourth and fifth sessions of the Conference of the Parties and meetings of its subsidiary bodies in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001;
4. Requests the Executive Secretary to transmit to the General Assembly the report and decisions of its second session;
5. Reiterates its appreciation to Governments, the United Nations system, multilateral financial institutions, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations that have supported the interim secretariat;
6. Invites the international community, the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental institutions and the private sector to continue to support and cooperate with the Convention secretariat and invites those entities and the Executive Secretary to collaborate in reaching understandings that specify the nature of cooperation and support that each entity would provide.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Administrative and support arrangements for the secretariat
including interim arrangements

Indonesia*: revised draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 3/COP.1 on the designation of a Convention secretariat and arrangements for its functioning, administrative and support arrangements, and 4/COP.1 on interim arrangements for the Conference of the Parties and for the Convention secretariat,

Recalling also United Nations General Assembly resolution 52/198 of 18 December 1997 on implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,

Taking note of the secretariat report on institutional and interim arrangements for the Conference of the Parties and the Convention secretariat. 1/

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ ICCD/COP(2)/9.

1. Accepts the arrangements as outlined in the secretariat report referred to in the preamble to this decision;
2. Notes with appreciation the appointment by the Secretary-General of the first head of the Convention secretariat in accordance with its decision 4/COP.1, paragraph 4;
3. Calls on the General Assembly, bearing in mind the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations and the large number of States, including those which are on the list of least developed countries, that are Parties to the Convention, to decide to finance from the regular programme budget of the United Nations the conference servicing costs arising from sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies for the duration of the institutional linkage approved by the General Assembly, including the fourth and fifth sessions of the Conference of the Parties and meetings of its subsidiary bodies in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001;
4. Requests the Executive Secretary to transmit to the General Assembly the report and decisions of its second session;
5. Reiterates its appreciation to Governments, the United Nations system, multilateral financial institutions, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations that have supported the interim secretariat;
6. Invites the international community, the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental institutions and the private sector to continue to support and cooperate with the Convention secretariat and requests the Executive Secretary to collaborate with those entities with a view to reaching understandings that specify the nature of the cooperation and support that each entity would provide.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE
PARTIES: DESIGNATION OF A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT AND
ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS FUNCTIONING: HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY

Headquarters agreement

Indonesia* draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 5/COP.1 on the physical location of the
Convention secretariat,

Having considered the note by the secretariat on the headquarters
agreement with the Government of Germany, 1/

1. Adopts, subject to ratification by the relevant authorities in
Germany, the headquarters agreement between the United Nations, the Convention
secretariat and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany signed on
18 August 1998 in Bonn; 2/

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are
members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ ICCD/COP(2)/8 and Corr.1 and Add.1-2.

2/ ICCD/COP(2)/8/Add.1.

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to complete any necessary formalities on behalf of the Conference of the Parties with the Government of Germany and the United Nations to bring the agreement into force, as soon as possible;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Germany for its commitment to facilitating the resettlement of the secretariat staff in Bonn in attractive conditions, and expresses the hope that the headquarters agreement can enter into force in time for the Convention secretariat to start operating in its new location on 1 January 1999;

4. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to set up a trust fund managed by the Executive Secretary of the Convention to receive the contributions of Germany for events and activities related to the field of competence of the Convention, organized by the secretariat.



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AND OF ITS INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING SUPPORT
TO REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

Regional implementation annexes and interregional
programmes and platforms of cooperation

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,
Recalling its decision 12/COP.1 on regional implementation annexes,
Taking note of the review by the Convention secretariat of the
implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements,
including support to regional action programmes, 1/
1. Endorses agreements reached by country Parties of the regional
implementation annexes;
2. Urges Parties in regions which have not yet done so to accelerate
the process of adoption and implementation of regional action programmes as
well as the launching of activities and projects in cross-border areas;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are
members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ ICCD/COP(2)/5.

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3. Encourages affected developing country Parties to pursue all necessary efforts for the formulation and implementation of activities and projects initiated in the framework of priority areas for interregional cooperation on the implementation of the Convention;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to continue to facilitate assistance, in accordance with article 23, paragraph 2 (c), of the Convention, and relevant provisions of the regional implementation annexes, for the effective and efficient functioning of regional action programmes;

5. Calls upon the international community, in particular developed countries, the United Nations system, including multilateral financial institutions, regional economic integration organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to continue to support the efforts of affected developing country Parties in the processes of elaboration and implementation of action programmes to combat desertification, as well as interregional programmes and platforms of cooperation, by providing them with financial resources and other forms of assistance.



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INCLUDING SUPPORT TO REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

Regional implementation annexes and interregional
programmes and platforms of cooperation

Indonesia*: revised draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 12/COP.1 on regional implementation annexes,

Recalling also article 11 of the Convention,

Taking note of the review by the Convention secretariat of the
implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements,
including support to regional action programmes, 1/

1. Welcomes agreements reached by country Parties of the regional
implementation annexes to launch regional action programmes;
2. Urges Parties in regions which have not yet done so to accelerate
the process of adoption and implementation of regional action programmes as
well as the launching of activities and projects in cross-border areas
identified or to be identified in each subregional or regional action
programme;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are
members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ ICCD/COP(2)/5.

3. Encourages affected developing country Parties to pursue all necessary efforts for the formulation and implementation of activities and projects initiated in the framework of priority areas for interregional cooperation on the implementation of the Convention;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to facilitate assistance, in accordance with the provisions of article 23 (2) of the Convention, for the effective and efficient functioning of regional action programmes;

5. Calls upon the international community, in particular developed countries, the United Nations system, including multilateral financial institutions, regional economic integration organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to continue to support the efforts of affected developing country Parties in the processes of elaboration and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes and interregional programmes and platforms of cooperation to combat desertification, by providing them with financial resources and other forms of assistance.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions,
agencies and bodies

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the requirements of article 25 of the Convention,

Bearing in mind its decision 23/COP.1,

Noting the necessary contractual arrangements entered into with the United Nations Environment Programme by the head of the Convention secretariat on behalf of the Conference of the Parties for the completion of the work on survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies,

Noting also the efforts made by the United Nations Environment Programme in its work on the survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies,

Requests the United Nations Environment Programme to expedite this process in conformity with the mandate given to it by the Conference of the Parties at its first session ^{1/} and to submit a report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its third session.

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

^{1/} Decision 23/COP.1.

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INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING SUPPORT TO REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

Procedures for the communication of information and review of implementation

Austria*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraphs 2 (a) and (b), article 23,
paragraph 2 (c) and article 26 of the Convention,

Reaffirming its decision 11/COP.1 on procedures for the communication of
information and review of implementation,

Bearing in mind decision .../COP.2 on the programme of work of the
Conference of the Parties,

1. Calls upon Governments, the United Nations system and all other
interested organizations, including non-governmental organizations and the
private sector, to provide technical and financial support with a view to
assisting affected African country Parties in the compilation and
communication of information to be submitted for consideration to the
Conference of the Parties at its third session, in 1999;
2. Requests the Convention secretariat to report to the Conference of the
Parties at its third session on its activities related to paragraph 24 of the
procedures contained in decision 11/COP.1.

* On behalf of the European Community and its member States.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES:

CONSIDERATION WITH A VIEW TO ADOPTING, PURSUANT
TO ARTICLE 27 OF THE CONVENTION, PROCEDURES AND
INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE RESOLUTION
OF QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE WITH REGARD TO
IMPLEMENTATION

CONSIDERATION WITH A VIEW TO PROPOSING FOR ADOPTION,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 28, PARAGRAPHS 2 (A) AND 6
OF THE CONVENTION, AN ANNEX CONTAINING ARBITRATION
AND CONCILIATION PROCEDURES

Questions concerning implementation and arbitration

Austria*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 27 and article 28, paragraphs 2 and 6, of the
Convention,

Taking note of the relevant document on the subject prepared by the
secretariat, 1/

1. Invites Parties to submit their views on questions concerning
implementation to the Convention secretariat no later than _____;

* On behalf of the European Community and its member States.

1/ ICCD/COP(2)/10.

2. Requests the secretariat to prepare a compilation of communications from Parties on this matter, as appropriate, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its third session with a view to deciding how to take this matter forward;

3. Decides to consider arbitration and conciliation procedures at its third session on the basis of the proposal of the secretariat. 1/



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE
OF THE PARTIES: PROMOTION AND STRENGTHENING OF
RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER RELEVANT CONVENTIONS

Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies

Austria*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Reaffirming article 8 of the Convention on the relationship with other
conventions,

Reaffirming also article 22, paragraphs 2 (h) and (i) and 8, as well as
article 23, paragraph 2 (d), of the Convention,

Recalling its decisions 13/COP.1 and 14/COP.1,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the efforts undertaken to
strengthen the collation with other relevant conventions;
2. Requests the Executive Secretary to further strengthen
collaboration with and coordination among other conventions relevant to
sustainable development;

* On behalf of the European Community and its member States.

3. Also requests the Executive Secretary, in preparing documents for the Conference of the Parties, to seek the views of and inputs from relevant convention secretariats, as well as from international organizations, agencies and institutions;

4. Further requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its third session on his activities in fulfilling this decision in the light of the conclusions of the United Nations General Assembly.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES:
DESIGNATION OF A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS
FUNCTIONING: HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY

Agreement concerning the headquarters of the permanent
secretariat of the Convention

Austria*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 5/COP.1 of 10 October 1997, by which it accepted
the offer of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to host the
secretariat of the Convention,

Also recalling that the headquarters agreement was signed on
18 August 1998 and that an exchange of notes forming part of the agreement
took place on the same day,

Bearing in mind the note by the secretariat on the headquarters
agreement 2/ and the statement made by the delegation of Germany on the
successful conclusion of the headquarters agreement and its speedy entry into
operation,

* On behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2/ ICCD/COP(2)/8 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

Noting that the Federal Republic of Germany has issued an ordinance, which became effective on 23 October 1998, implementing major parts of the headquarters agreement under German law, and further noting that article 3, paragraph 3, article 4 and article 5 of the headquarters agreement require ratification by the Federal Republic of Germany,

Noting with satisfaction that the said ratification is nearing completion,

Approves the agreement signed in Bonn on 18 August 1998 concerning the headquarters of the Convention secretariat, subject to its ratification by the Federal Republic of Germany.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE
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ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS FUNCTIONING: HEADQUARTERS
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Agreement concerning the headquarters of the permanent
secretariat of the Convention

Austria*: revised draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 5/COP.1 of 10 October 1997, by which it accepted
the offer of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to host the
secretariat of the Convention,

Also recalling that the headquarters agreement was signed on
18 August 1998 and that an exchange of notes forming part of the agreement
took place on the same day,

Bearing in mind the note by the secretariat on the headquarters
agreement 2/ and the statement made by the delegation of Germany on the
successful conclusion of the headquarters agreement and its speedy entry into
operation,

* On behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2/ ICCD/COP(2)/8 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

Noting that the Federal Republic of Germany has issued an ordinance, which became effective on 23 October 1998, implementing major parts of the headquarters agreement under German law, and further noting that article 3, paragraph 3, article 4 and article 5 of the headquarters agreement require ratification by the Federal Republic of Germany,

Noting with satisfaction that the said ratification is nearing completion,

Approves the agreement signed in Bonn on 18 August 1998 concerning the headquarters of the Convention secretariat, subject to its ratification by the Federal Republic of Germany and requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its third session on this matter if necessary.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES:
REVIEW, PURSUANT TO THE SAME ARTICLE, OF THE REPORT OF THE GLOBAL
MECHANISM ON ITS ACTIVITIES, AND THE PROVISION OF GUIDANCE TO IT

Global Mechanism

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 24/COP.1 and 25/COP.1 on the organization to
house the Global Mechanism and agreement on its modalities, and on
collaborative institutional arrangements in support of the Global Mechanism,
respectively,

Taking note of the report of the secretariat ^{1/} and draft memorandum of
understanding with the International Fund for Agricultural Development as the
organization housing the International Fund for Agricultural
Development/Global Mechanism, ^{2/}

Having considered the report of the Managing Director of the
Global Mechanism ^{3/} and the report of the current chair of the Facilitation
Committee, ^{4/}

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are
members of the Group of 77 and China.

^{1/} ICCD/COP(2)/4.

^{2/} ICCD/COP(2)/4/Add.1.

^{3/} ICCD/COP(2)/CRP.1.

^{4/} ICCD/COP(2)/CRP.2.

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1. Expresses its concern that the Global Mechanism did not begin operating on 1 January 1998, as urged by the Conference of the Parties in its decision 24/COP.1, for lack of financial resources from the donor community;
2. Notes with appreciation the role played by the United Nations Development Programme in identifying and selecting the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism, and the nomination of the Managing Director by the International Fund for Agricultural Development;
3. Notes also with appreciation the efforts made by the International Fund for Agricultural Development to establish the framework for the separate identity of the Global Mechanism within the Fund and looks forward to a prompt starting of its activities, in conformity with the provisions of the Convention and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;
4. Requests the International Fund for Agricultural Development to pursue modalities of collaboration between itself and the community of non-governmental organizations, as well as collaboration with other interested organizations, including the private sector, and to submit a report to the Conference of the Parties at its third session for consideration and appropriate action;
5. Requests also the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the Convention secretariat to work out appropriate arrangements for liaison and cooperation between the Global Mechanism and the secretariat in order to avoid duplication and to enhance the effectiveness of Convention implementation in accordance with their respective roles in such implementation;
6. Invites relevant institutions, programmes and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Food Programme, intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations and regional development banks, as well as interested non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to actively support the activities of the Global Mechanism;
7. Takes note with appreciation of generous contributions to the voluntary contribution administrative expenses fund already provided by some countries, and reiterates its appeal to Governments, the United Nations system and all interested organizations, including non-governmental organizations and

the private sector, to make promptly further voluntary contributions necessary to support the functioning of the Global Mechanism;

8. Takes note of the first draft of the Operational Strategy and requests the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism to complete the development of the Operational Strategy, in particular in the area of the mobilization of financial resources, and to submit it to the Conference of the Parties at its third session for consideration and adoption;

9. Calls upon Governments and the United Nations system, including multilateral financial institutions and all interested organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to make, as soon as possible, substantial voluntary contributions of the activities of the Global Mechanism, in order to facilitate early and prompt implementation of action programmes and projects at local, national, subregional and interregional levels;

10. Decides, despite article 21, paragraph 7, of the Convention, that the Conference of the Parties will, at its fifth ordinary session, review the policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism and, on the basis of this review, consider and take appropriate action.



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PARTIES: REVIEW, PURSUANT TO THE SAME ARTICLE, OF THE
REPORT OF THE GLOBAL MECHANISM ON ITS ACTIVITIES, AND
THE PROVISION OF GUIDANCE TO IT

Memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the
Parties and the International Fund for Agricultural
Development regarding the modalities and administrative
operations of the Global Mechanism

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 24/COP.1 on the organization to house the Global
Mechanism and agreement on its modalities,

Having considered the draft memorandum of understanding with the
International Fund for Agricultural Development on the Global Mechanism,^{1/}

1. Adopts the memorandum of understanding annexed to the present
decision, thereby bringing it into force;^{2/}
2. Requests the Convention secretariat and the International Fund for
Agricultural Development to take, jointly and/or separately, all necessary
measures for the full and timely implementation of the memorandum of
understanding.

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are
members of the Group of 77 and China.

^{1/} ICCD/COP(2)/4/Add.1.

^{2/} ICCD/COP(2)/4/Add.1, annex, to be annexed to the decision, upon
adoption, in the final report of the Conference.

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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE
OF THE PARTIES: PROMOTION AND STRENGTHENING OF
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Collaboration with other conventions

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties.

Recalling the provisions of article 8 of the Convention, on the relationship with other conventions, and article 23, paragraph 2 (ii), on the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions,

Recalling also article 23, paragraph 2 (d), on the coordination by the secretariat of its activities with the secretariats of other relevant international bodies and conventions,

Bearing in mind its decision 9/COP.1, paragraph 3 (a), and its decision 13/COP.1, paragraph 2, on collaboration and coordination with other international bodies and conventions,

Taking note of the report by the secretariat on collaboration and synergies among Rio conventions for the implementation of the Convention, 1/

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ ICCD/COP(2)/7.

1. Requests the secretariat to take steps to ensure full implementation of that report in consultation with other relevant secretariats, and to conclude, as appropriate, a memorandum of understanding to define their collaboration and cooperation;

2. Requests also the secretariat to submit a progress report on this matter to the Conference of the Parties at its third session.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES:
PROGRAMME AND BUDGET: MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY OF THE SECRETARIAT

Medium-term strategy of the secretariat

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties.

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Convention and decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties regarding the role and functions of the Convention secretariat,

Having considered the medium-term strategy of the secretariat, 1/

1. Adopts the medium-term strategy of the secretariat, in the context of the implementation of the Convention and programme proposals;
2. Requests the Executive Secretary, in implementing the medium-term strategy, to take into account, as appropriate, comments, suggestions and proposals made by country Parties, with a view to improving the strategic focus and involving in the framework of partnership agreements or memoranda of understanding all organizations interested in the implementation of the Convention.

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE
OF THE PARTIES: CONSIDERATION WITH A VIEW TO PROPOSING
FOR ADOPTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 28, PARAGRAPHS 2 (A)
AND 6 OF THE CONVENTION, AN ANNEX CONTAINING ARBITRATION
AND CONCILIATION PROCEDURES

Annexes on arbitration and conciliation procedures

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the provisions of article 27 of the Convention, which states that the Conference of the Parties shall consider and adopt procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions that may arise with regard to the implementation of the Convention,

Recalling also article 28, paragraph 2 (a), of the Convention, which refers to arbitration procedures to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties in an annex as soon as practicable,

Recalling further article 28, paragraph 6, of the Convention, which refers to conciliation procedures to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties in an annex as soon as practicable,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

Bearing in mind that the Conference of the Parties, at its first session, decided ^{1/} to include consideration of the issues referred to in the foregoing paragraphs as selected items on the agenda for its second session,

1. Takes note of the report of the secretariat on such issues; ^{2/}
2. Decides to consider the issue further at the third session of the Conference of the Parties in the light of the progress of the negotiations on the same issues in other relevant environmental conventions;
3. Decides also to consider at the third session of the Conference of the Parties the establishment of an open-ended ad hoc group to examine and make recommendations on the issues of arbitration and conciliation procedures.

^{1/} Decision 9/COP.1.

^{2/} ICCD/COP(2)/10.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE
OF THE PARTIES: REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CONVENTION, AND OF ITS INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS,
INCLUDING SUPPORT TO REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Romania, Tajikistan,
Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan: draft decision

Regional cooperation between countries of eastern and central Europe
The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the statement made by the President of the Conference of the
Parties at its first session ¹/, noting the wish of some eastern and central
European countries to establish an additional regional instrument to the
present Convention,

Further recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 52/198 of
18 December 1997, paragraph 6, inviting the Conference of the Parties to
facilitate the elaboration of an additional regional implementation annex to
the Convention for the countries of the eastern and central European region,

Stating its understanding that the wish of the concerned countries
indicates their firm resolve to become soon Parties to the Convention by
completing the process of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession,

1. Urges observer countries from eastern and central Europe to ensure
the early completion of the necessary process of accession to the Convention,
thereby facilitating adoption of the additional annex to the Convention by the
Conference of the Parties at its fourth session;

¹/ ICCD/COP(1)/11, paragraph 53.

2. *Takes note* of the progress made through the informal consultations aimed at producing a draft additional annex to the Convention;

3. *Invites* countries of eastern and central Europe to pursue consultations with a view to producing an agreed draft additional annex to the Convention;

4. *Further invites* the countries of eastern and central Europe to submit a draft additional annex to the Convention for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its third session;

5. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to support the process under the guidance of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES:
CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PARTS OF RULES 22, 31 AND 47
OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE NOT YET AGREED UPON

Outstanding rules of procedure

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties

1. Decides that the following changes shall be made to the third sentence of paragraph 1 of rule 22: 1/
 - (a) The text within square brackets shall be deleted;
 - (b) The following text shall be added at the end of the sentence:
"while not neglecting affected country Parties in other regions";
2. Decides that the following changes shall be made to the fourth sentence of rule 31:
 - (a) The text within square brackets shall be deleted;
 - (b) The following text shall be added after the phrase "particularly those in Africa":
"while not neglecting affected country Parties in other regions".

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ See decision 1/COP.1.

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THE PARTIES: REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CONVENTION, AND OF ITS INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS,
INCLUDING SUPPORT TO REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

Implementation of the Convention

Austria*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,
Reaffirming articles 12, 14 and 19 of the Convention,
Reaffirming also articles 8 and 9 of the Regional Implementation Annex
for Africa,

Aware of the fundamental role of local and national action in the
implementation of the Convention,

Recognizing the importance of active participative processes involving
local communities and non-governmental organizations, taking into account,
inter alia, the needs and requirements of women farmers, and the integration
of these approaches in the formulation of national policies and strategies for
sustainable development,

* On behalf of the European Community and its member States.

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Emphasizing the importance of the fullest possible, timely coordination among developed country Parties, developing country Parties and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations engaged in processes, such as national consultative forums, for the preparation of national action programmes,

Noting the important facilitating role of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and other mechanisms such as round tables and consultative groups for the coordination of development cooperation dialogues,

1. Urges Parties adequately to reflect the importance of prioritizing programmes and projects relating to national action programmes in ongoing, periodic, bilateral and multilateral development cooperation dialogues;

2. Calls upon Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to duly take account of the above procedures and processes in their implementation of the Convention and to reflect them adequately in the information conveyed to the Conference of the Parties in their reports on national action programmes.



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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE
OF THE PARTIES: PROGRAMME AND BUDGET: PROGRAMME
OF WORK FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH SESSIONS
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Austria*: draft decision

Programme of work of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,
Recalling article 22 of the Convention,
Recalling also its decision 9/COP.1 on its programme of work,
Recalling also its decision 10/COP.1 on the review of the implementation
of the Convention,

Recalling also its decision 11/COP.1 on procedures for the communication
of information and review of implementation,

1. *Decides to add the following items to the agenda of its third and,*
if necessary, its fourth session;

(a) *Review of reports on implementation of affected African country*
Parties on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and
implementation of national action programmes, including information on
policies and budgetary allocations made in relation thereto;

(b) *Review of reports by developed country Parties on measures taken*
to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes,
including information on financial resources they have provided, or are
providing, under the Convention;

* On behalf of the European Community and its member States.

(c) Review of information provided by relevant organs, funds, and programmes of the United Nations, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes under the Convention;

(d) Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies;

(e) Consideration of how to carry forward the development of procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation, in accordance with article 27 of the Convention;

(f) Consideration of annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures, in accordance with article 28, paragraphs 2(a) and 6, of the Convention;

(g) Consideration of conclusions and recommendations by the Committee on Science and Technology relating to affected country Parties' experiences and constraints in the implementation of national action programmes, relating, *inter alia*, to traditional and local knowledge, know-how and practices;

(h) Consideration of experience with and approaches to the participative process in support of the preparation and implementation of national action programmes as reflected in affected country Parties' reports;

2. Decides also to add the following items to the agenda of its fourth and, if necessary, its fifth session:

(a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties, in particular of regions other than Africa, on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes, including information on policies and budgetary allocations made in relation thereto;

(b) Review of the policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism.
